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1. WASHINGTON POST SEPT. 16 UNDER HEADLINE "U.S. HELPS MANILA FIGHT INSURGENTS" REPRINTS MANILA DATELINED STORY FROM MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. STORY ASSERTS "U.S. SPECIAL FORCES TEAMS ARE BEING USED IN REMOTE PHILIPPINE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO AID THE GOVT'S COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORTS.

2. "ACTIVITIES OF THESE GREEN BERETS ARE DESCRIBED AS CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND ARE PRESENTED AS AN ATTEMPT TO ASSIST RURAL FILIPINOS." STORY THEN GIVES SKETCHY ACCOUNT OF CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS. STORY THEN STATES THAT: "SINCE 1970 THERE HAVE BEEN 12 CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS AND 13 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN WHICH SPECIAL FORCES TRAIN PHILIPPINE ARMED
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FORCES IN THE USE OF M-16 RIFLES, SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AND

MILITARY TECHNIQUES."

3. STORY SAYS "KNOWLEDGEABLE FILIPINOS POINT OUT THAT THE SPECIAL FORCES OPERATIONS ARE FINANCED BY USAID IN MANILA, A NOT INFREQUENT EUPHEMISM FOR THE CIA."

4. FURTHER ON STORY COMMENTS "APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM SULLIVAN TENDED TO CONFIRM A BELIEF THAT TO PRESERVE AMERICA'S FORWARD DEFENSE BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES AFTER CRUMBLING OF INDOCHINA FRONT, ALL MEANS, INCLUDING THE NON-CONVENTIONAL WOULD BE EMPLOYED."

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